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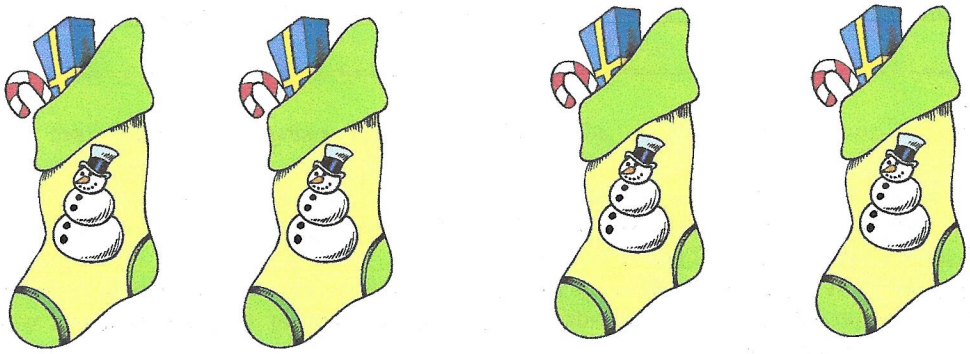


10 ways to make a criminal happy this Christmas

1) carry a bulging wallet in a loose pocket.
2) leave your Christmas shopping visible in the car while you go to another shop.
3) pile presents round your tree in full view of the front window.
4) place your handbag in the shopping trolley while you turn to the shelves.
5) stock up your freezer in an unlocked garage.
6) leave your house in darkness when you are out in the evening,

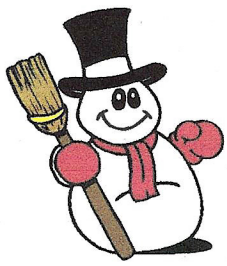
or

7) only leave a hall light on (who lives in the hall?).
8) when your neighbour is away, leave their newspapers etc poking out of the letter box.
9) run the engine to warm up your car while you go back in the house.
10) pile packaging by the wheelie bin to advertise the wonderful presents you received.

Remember – for the criminal it only takes a moment;
- for you, the effect lingers a long time.

With best wishes for a safe and happy festive season,
Pam Vendy
Bar Hill Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

FROM THE BAR HILL NEWS TEAM MAY WE WISH ALL OUR RESIDENTS A HAPPY (AND CRIME FREE) CHRISTMAS, AND A NEW YEAR FULL OF HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.



Copy date for the next issue is 15th January to Margaret Sellars at bhneditor@yahoo.com, or see page 2 for other contact details. No edition in January to give the team time to have Christmas!

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There is no charge for **Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found,** and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month.

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Dear Editor

I will not be sending local cards this year but will donate a sum to Cruse Bereavement Care in lieu thereof. I would like to thank all those who organise the things that make our village function and a pleasure to live in and best wishes, seasons greetings to every-one.

Keith Morris

Dear Editor

I would like to exercise my right of reply to John Reynolds right to reply to my questions I raised re the County Council consultation exercise on the future of Cambridgeshire library services. To recap, I asked him to explain why the Trust scheme to run library services had been scrapped as we were told this was the "vision" and the way forward, and the cost to Council Tax payers of this wasted consultation exercise.

The explanation he gave was that the Council Council were unaware of the implications of Government policy which made the Trust scheme untenable. So that's all right then, and there's me thinking not knowing smacks of incompetence. As for the cost to us of this consultation, not a word. Are we not entitled to know and not treated like mushrooms and kept in the dark.

John Doland

Robin Close

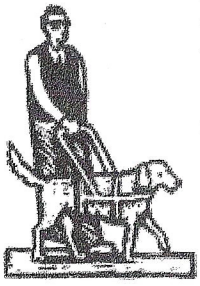
Letter from guide dog puppy Vania

This will be my last letter to you all because on January 3rd I am going into big dog training school. I am going to work very hard so that I can be a very special friend and helper to someone who cannot see. I will learn how to guide my new owner safely round obstacles, cross roads, go out shopping, visit friends and family. I might even have to find the right bus or train for my owner to go to work. I will be very busy but Grandma said I will also have plenty of fun as there will be lots of other dogs to play and learn with as well as people who love dogs that will play with me, teach me and give me lots of cuddles. Grandma said I will have such a lovely time that I will not miss her and Granddad nearly as much as they will miss me!

I have had a lovely time this summer I have met all my guide dog puppy friends at puppy classes, we have to behave there but we also meet at each other's homes or go out together to play which is much more fun. We have had lots of days out by bus and train to places like the seaside where I am allowed to have a great time on the beach, usually there are other dogs. I love it when they play chase with me. Sometimes we go to towns like Saffron Walden or Newmarket then I have to be very good.

I went to stay with a puppy boarder in Peterborough twice, once when Grandma and Granddad went to Chester for a weekend then for two weeks when they went abroad on holiday. I had a lovely time: they were very kind to me and had a wonderful garden to play in and made sure I met some doggy friends to play with. I was so excited the second time I went I forgot my manners and rushed in to say hello and accidently pulled poor Grandma over, I was so surprised to see her lying on the ground I gave her face a good lick to kiss her better. Luckily she was not hurt but I still think it was an odd thing to do as dogs should be on the ground and people should be standing up!!!

I went with them on Holiday to Anglesey we stayed in a lovely place on the banks of the Menai Straights. We had a cosy little cottage, and I was allowed to sleep upstairs in the bedroom. I was very glad to go to bed at night as we had such busy days visiting castles, stately homes town and villages, but best of all were the wonderful long sandy beaches where I loved rolling in the sand, tossing shells and pebbles around and playing games with lots of other dogs. I also enjoyed playing in the forests round the trees and in and out of the ponds. Grandma was not very pleased with me on the last day when she let me have a last free run in the forest and I found my favourite thing a nice pile of fox poo to roll in. I thought I smelled great but Grandma didn't agree and tried to wash it off but she said I still made the car stink all the way home. Humans are so peculiar - they have a very odd sense of smell.



Lots of love to all my friends from Vania

In Memoriam

Our Lovely Fred

The world seems sadder in the passing of our Fred. How he will be missed by so many people. He loved life: he seized it with both hands and enjoyed every moment. His heart was as big as he was. He loved people, children, cricket and, of course, his beloved Arsenal...the clubs he belonged to...his crib games on a Sunday with his mates.... I could go on for hours, but you all know about him...and all loved him.....some men have a street or building named after them, but, our Fred went one better than that: he had a 100 shops named after him...BET FRED...and how apt that is...Bless you Fred...gone but never forgotten,,,,

Jean Burrage

(Tribute in memory of Fred Styles)

CRICKET CLUB

We are already turning our attentions to the 2012 season, but my first duty this month is to draw a line under this season by reporting on our award winners, who received their accolades in a presentation ceremony at the Social Club. The winners were:

First-team player: Nathan Dean
First-team batsman: Scott Stanford
First-team bowler: Sam Wilson
First-team outstanding performance: Priyal Perera
Second-team player: Jim Neal
Second-team batsman: Martin Haslop
Second-team bowler: Jim Neal
Second-team outstanding performance: Martin Haslop
Most improved player: Paul Sandford
Duckman: Tom Levitt
Clubman: Steve Plumb
Champagne moment: Ash Curry

Meanwhile, at the annual meeting, it was decided that the match fees for 2012 will be held at the same level as 2011. With **no annual membership fee** for adults, Bar Hill remains arguably the cheapest club in the area to join. **Youth membership fees were reduced** to £10 per year, which is the only fee payable to the club – there will be no weekly subs. The intention is to enter an under-12 team in the league next season, though we will of course continue to cater for younger children. Please call me on the number below for more information.

Elections were also held for club officials at the annual meeting, with **Tony Moffat** being re-elected as **president** for a five-year term.

Of those posts which come up for election every year, **Steve Plumb, Paul Stimpson and Barry Driver** were re-elected as **chairman, secretary and events co-ordinator** respectively, and **Peter Howard** was elected to the post of **adult team rep**, from which Mark Thompson had stepped down. At the time of writing, the post of treasurer remains unfilled.

Julia Cullum remains as **welfare officer**, as this is not an elected position.

On the field, **Craig Driver** was voted in as **first-team captain**, and **Peter Howard** will again take charge of the **seconds**, while **Ash Curry** remains at the helm of the **friendly team**.

The main development in friendly cricket is that the club is considering entering a **midweek league** next season – watch this space.

Our planning for next season has already started, and **winter nets** have already been arranged. These are at Hills Road Sports Centre on **Monday nights from 8 pm to 9.30 pm from Monday January 16** to Monday March 19 inclusive, and thereafter at a venue to be arranged.

Finally, it was with great sadness that we learned of the death of **Fred Styles**, a great friend to the club and all our members, as he was to so many individuals and organisations in the village. The club wishes to extend our sincere condolences to Fred's family and friends.

Paul Stimpson
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Bar Hill School PTA Presents a

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Saturday 28th January 2012
At 7.30pm in the school hall.

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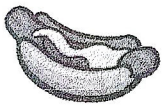

If you enjoy our Pop Quiz then you will love this.... Enter your team of up to 8 people (over 18's only) by collecting a booking form from the school office, £4 per person.

NATIONAL HOME SWAP FOR SOUTH CAMBS COUNCIL TENANTS

Housing bosses in South Cambridgeshire have welcomed a new Government initiative that will make it easier for Council house tenants to move. The new 'HomeSwap Direct' website provides a one stop shop where social housing tenants who want to move - to be closer to a new job, their family, or to a property better suited to their needs - can view all potential swaps available across the country. The Council already works with tenants to help them find a more suitable property, and an online initiative to help people to exchange properties across Cambridgeshire and parts of Suffolk had been running for nearly 4 years. In South Cambridgeshire around 5,500 homes are owned by the Council.If we can be of any help please contact us:

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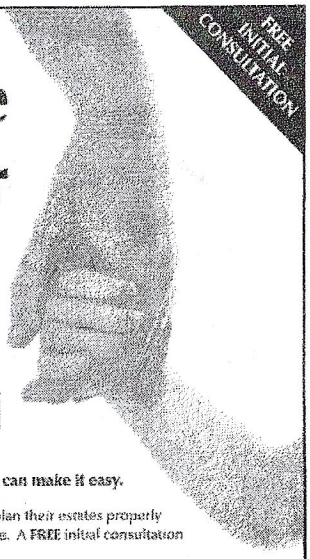

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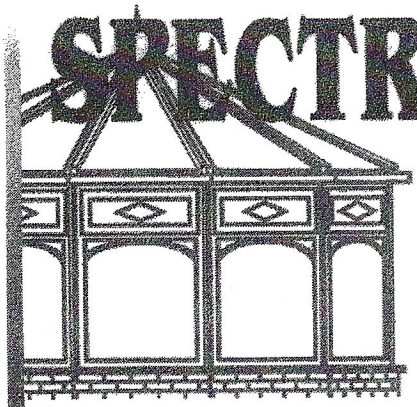

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Claiming from your debit card or credit card

If you are in dispute with a trader, instead of taking them to court, find out whether your bank may be able to help you. If you paid for something on a **debit card** and there turns out to be problems with the purchase, many banks offer a 'chargeback' scheme where they refund you. Furthermore, if you pay for something worth over £100 and pay for at least some of it on your **credit card**, the credit card company is equally as responsible as the business that breaks its contract with you. So, if your holiday isn't as it was described, if your new dining table arrives damaged, or if your new TV breaks down soon after purchase, you can insist that your credit card provider helps you if the shop won't. This is even the case if you have paid off the amount you put on your credit card.

Personal Protection Insurance

We have received a number of reports about companies offering to claim compensation for the mis-selling of personal protection insurance on residents' behalf, whether in relation to a loan, mortgage or credit card. This is actually something you can do yourself. The Financial Ombudsman has produced a leaflet which is available on www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk on how to make the complaint yourself. If you don't have access to the internet, you can contact the Financial Ombudsman for advice over the telephone on 0800 0234567.

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Cambridgeshire County Council

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Weekly Safe play for wobbly walkers to confident walkers.

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The Coffee Stop

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BAR HILL COLTS F.C

This month includes a very exciting update about women's football taking off in OUR village!

So far, Girls from Years 4 and 5 have been training on a Saturday morning with a view to forming a team for next season. I popped down at the weekend to see a good turn out by the girls all enjoying themselves, I even joined in at the game at the end. Who knows, in the future I could be reporting on any of **Lilly, Becky, Roxani, Alisha, Olivia, Charley, Tilly, Lisa,** so keep up the good work girls!.

To enable the team to form, the girls will need a coach and manager, if you are interested please contact:

Paul Neal – 01954 204801 or email him on paul.neal35@ntlworld.com

ALSO.....NEW WOMEN'S TEAM!!!

At present we have an outlet for the boys to continue playing football in the Village by joining the Men's team at age 16/17. However the girls that are playing in the village do not have a women's team to join.

Hopefully starting next season, this will change and females interested in starting or continuing to play football will have the opportunity to do so in the Village of Bar Hill by introducing the very **FIRST WOMENS TEAM.**

There must be many mums, aunties, sisters out there who enjoy watching football, many of whom may wish to try it or even just get involved in regular exercise. This women's team would be the perfect opportunity to try out the sport as well as enable those girls who have already played football in the village to continue to do so from the ages of 16 and 17.

So, ANY women of any ability would be welcomed! If you are interested or would like some more details on the Club's idea to start up a women's team please email the Secretary, paul.neal35@ntlworld.com

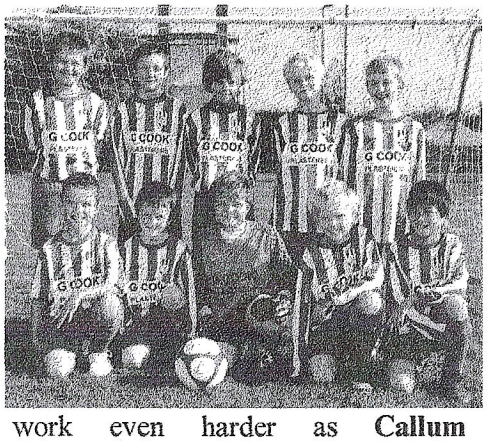
NO GOALS BUT LOTS OF FIREWORKS

Bullets 0-0 Cambourne

This was the first time we've played Cambourne Eagles and they arrived with one of the most frugal defences in our league so we knew we would have to work hard to get a result.

Both sides started brightly with several chances flashing across the goals that both **Tommy Tyrrell** and **Richard Du** narrowly missed. The game flowed freely with both sets of defences having to work hard; **Jamie Wilkinson and Amelia Gaisford** were both tired at half time as both team's goals remained intact.

The second half started in the same exciting vein, this time **Jack Davies** missed two chances to put the Bullets ahead from some good interplay with **Dan Cundy** and **Evan Barrett** - some strong Cambourne defending was needed. Cambourne pushed for a winner late on and **Zak Yorke** had to



work even harder as **Callum Kennedy, Evan** and **Jamie** formed a protective wall around our goal.

At the final whistle the game was goalless though not short on action - a result we all agreed was a fair reflection of the game. **Zak** was man of the match for the Bullets following another excellent display between the sticks.

6 OFTHE BEST FOR BOMBERS

Newmarket 1 – 6 Bombers

The Bombers travelled to Dullingham to take on Newmarket, currently lying 4th in the table, expecting a tough match.

We played a strong defensive line dropping the captain, **Harvy-Dibden Angus** back to defence, as well as **Elliot Davies** to strengthen our line.

Good job too as Newmarket were straight on the attack with several early chances. **Matt Wilson**, our goalie, responded perfectly with several very brave saves diving at the feet of the Newmarket forwards.

Newmarket did once have the ball right on our line, but **Sean Harrower** and **Harvey** both headed the ball away, some heart stopping moments. In the first half Bar Hill managed to get a goal ahead when **Elliot** headed in a beautiful goal.

Early in the 2nd half a rare defensive error gave Newmarket a run at goal unhindered and they did not disappoint their supporters. They were back in the match. 1-1. However only a few minutes later, **Elliot** again ran in and headed in his second goal to restore the lead for Bar Hill.

George Oldham and **Josh Heaford** were doing a particularly sterling job in midfield to restrict the home team's attacks. However, a burst of 2 quick goals from **George** and **Jordan Elwood** before **Elliot** added two more – the second of which was a superb volley from some 20 yards out - after some skilful quick passing from **Tommy Wilson** and **Callum Bacon** showed our teamwork at its best.

The Bombers are currently lying 2nd in the table, and unbeaten for the season to date. Man of the match was given to **Matt Wilson** the goalkeeper due to his bravery and commitment in the first half to keep Bar Hill on level terms.

Next home game on 4 December Saturday afternoon.

NEXT EDITION will include Grow the Game Award to Bar Hill Colts.

The Club wishes everyone, players and supporters a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS - see you in the new year.

Growing the Game in Bar Hill

Vicky x

The Club recently celebrated a Grow the Game grant awarded by the Football Foundation, the country's largest sports charity.

The funding boost will allow Bar Hill Colts to maintain the long term sustainability of providing football in the Community for the benefit of children, male and female, that want to play the game.

The main beneficiaries of the grant will focus on children Y1 and Y2 boys and Y3 and Y4 girls who are interested in playing.

The grant will boost the number of teams run at the club from 10 to 13.

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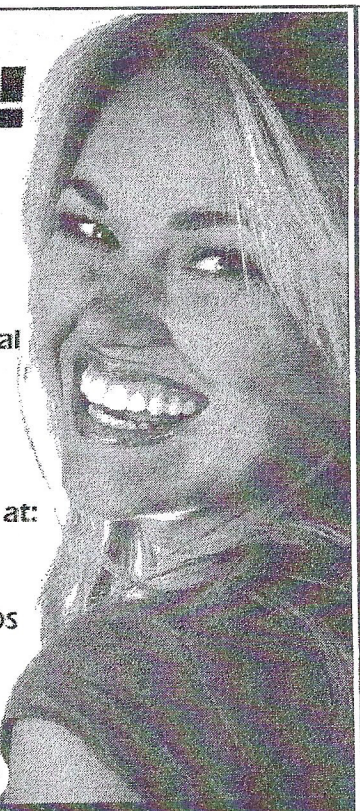

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A year in the Library

At the Friends AGM on 19 October the committee was appointed for another year, and we looked back on a successful twelve months. There was a significant increase in the number of subscriptions taken out, talks with visiting speakers were well supported, coffee mornings attracted new people as well as a lot of familiar ones, the reading circles continued to flourish and villagers received yet more help in tracing their ancestors.

The committee would like to thank all supporters for their response to our aim to show that our Library is needed and valued in Bar Hill. Special thanks to the Friends who came along to AGM, all of whom attend other events we run as well. We should love to get to know more of the Friends and hope to see you next year.

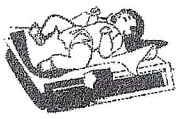
Your first resolution for 2012

Remember to renew your subscription to the Friends during December. Call at the Library to pay for 2012. At the time of writing the cost has not been agreed, but any change will not be significant. It will have been decided by the time you read this. We'll be sending you a reminder in case you forget. Membership entitles you to reduced tickets for our talks and inclusion in our social events. You need to be a Friend to belong to one of our Reading Circles.

If you are not a Friend, please do consider joining us. The important thing about membership of any organisation is not what you gain, but what you give. By joining the Friends you will demonstrate your support of our Library, which is an invaluable asset to our community and hosts the village Post Office. That provides a major service to even more residents.

Coffee mornings

To meet Friends and find out more about what we get up to, come along to a coffee morning in the Library. These are held on the first Thursday of each month from 10 am to noon. That means 8 December 2011 and 5 January 2012 are the



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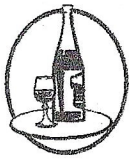
Bar Hill Sports and Social Club



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members.

The Sports and Social Club is situated on the top floor of the Village Hall. You can watch live sports on our two large TV screens in HD, play pool, darts, skittles and cribbage or enjoy a quiet drink in our conservatory bar.

What's on in December?

Saturday 10th December - Membership draw night

Friday 23rd December, Christmas draw.

Saturday 24th December - Membership draw night

Saturday, 31st December – New Year's Eve Disco

Looking Ahead...

Visit our website, www.bhssc.org.uk or Facebook (Barhillsports Socialclub) for details of future entertainment and Christmas opening times.

Christmas Draw.

BHSSC Christmas Draw will take place on Friday, 23rd December. Draw tickets are now available from behind the bar.

Saturday Football Team

Future Games – come and support!

Bar Hill Sports and Social, Kershaw BIS 3B League

Saturday, 3rd 2 pm Home to Estover Park

Saturday, 10th 2 pm, Home to Exning Athletic

Saturday, 17th, 2 pm, Home to West Row Gunners Reserves

Bar Hill Sports and Social Reserves, Kershaw BIS 5B League

Saturday, 17th, 2 pm, Away to Great Chishill Reserves

Membership renewals

Membership renewals for 2012 are now available for £8 until 31st of January.

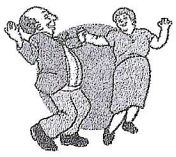
Not a Member?

New members are always welcome, join now for £8, valid until 31st of December 2011, renew in January for another £8. Or join in January for £10. Pop in and have a look around. Please ask the doorman or bar staff for a membership form. See our website for opening times. The club also has a junior membership for 16 and 17 years olds for a one off payment of £5. This is valid until full membership can be obtained at 18.

Andrew Wilkin

01954 781881 (BHSSC)

(The errors last month were mine, not Andrew's - Editor)



HAPPY HOURS

Having spent a week away with another club where one group wouldn't speak to another, it was nice to be back in our club where we all do meet in a friendly atmosphere.

Roger Hall was our speaker this month and he came to talk about the beginnings of Bar Hill, he was himself one of the first residents, he came with lots of paperwork, newspaper cuttings and original plans explaining how the village came to be built. Some things don't change originally it was to be completed in about five years but took over twenty.

We are into our winter menu now and during the month have held a quiz and raffle. Sadly a coat which went missing some weeks ago has not turned up, somebody has a extra beige jacket somewhere.

It's with great sadness we heard of the death of two of our members, Fred Styles and Terry Barnes, they were both long serving members and friends to all who will be very much missed. Terry as our Treasurer was a great help and support to myself in running the club.

A reminder to all residents of Bar Hill that our club is open to anyone over the age of 55 and retired people, if you are not sure you are welcome to join us for coffee any Monday morning we are there from 11– 3 pm

Helen Collins
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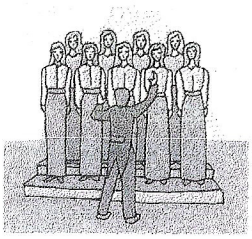

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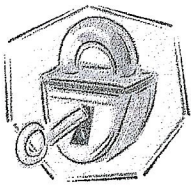
Members were greatly saddened by the loss of the last of our Founder Members Mr Edgar Patrick.

I would like to thank all who helped with our Poppy Appeal this year. We are still counting but we already know that we have raised a record amount Thanks to all those who attended our Dedication Service at the Memorial Garden ably taken by Di Gunton. Thank you to all the organisations that attended the Remembrance Service.

Mary Shubotham - Secretary



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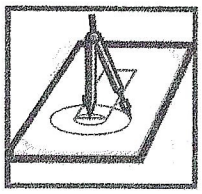

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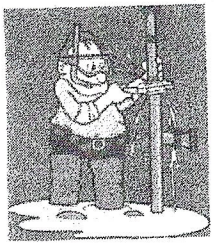

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We hope you have a good Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Hopefully the date for the first market in 2012 will be 4th February.
Thank you again from
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25 January	Black bin
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Stall dates this Autumn
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Community Market, Bar Hill
Saturday 3rd December 10.30 am to 2.30 pm
Sunday 11th December 10 am to 4 pm

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We also have had several reports of **mobile phone and bag thefts**. Carry out your bag close to you with clasp facing inwards .Keep it zipped up, and make sure your wallet or purse can't be seen. Don't carry large amounts of cash with you. If your mobile phone is stolen, is bad enough as it's so expensive to replace. There is also the hassle of losing all your stored numbers, messages, pictures and downloads. So how can you protect your mobile phone? Don't leave your mobile on tables in pubs or restaurants and try not to use in crowded places. Register your phone with your network operator. This means they can block calls if your phone is stolen so the thief can't use it. You also can register your mobile phone equipment on www.immobilise.com or a similar property register. If your phone is stolen, report it to your network operator or call 08701123123.

Crime and incident reports

On Thursday 20th October, there was a report of theft from a motor vehicle. Unknown offender(s) have gained entry into a vehicle parked in Tesco car park and have removed the tax disc.

On Sunday 16th October, there has been a report of criminal damage to a Police vehicle whilst in The Fox car park. Offender has grabbed the handle and used his weight to snap the handle. The offender was arrested and charged with criminal damage.

On 29th October, we had a report of a theft from a person whilst shopping in Bar Hill Tesco. Unknown offender(s) have stolen a mobile phone from the person's handbag.

On 31st October, a stolen vehicle from Bedfordshire was found in Gladeside, abandoned in the lay-by opposite the Library in Bar Hill. The vehicle has been recovered and is waiting to be examined by scenes of crime. Please contact us on 101 (new non-emergency number) if you can provide any information relating to the arrival of the vehicle or any activity around the vehicle that may assist us.

On 7th November, just after mid night we had a report of burglary in a building in Bar Hill. Unknown offender(s) have smashed the front window of Fish and Chicken Take Away and stolen two cash tills.

Between 4th November at 14:45 and 5th November at 8:00, there has been a report of burglary in a building in Bar Hill. Unknown offender(s) have gained entry into the Parish Council office. A petty cash tin was stolen, all cabinets and drawers were open and searched. (If you have any information to help us with the above investigation, please contact me.)

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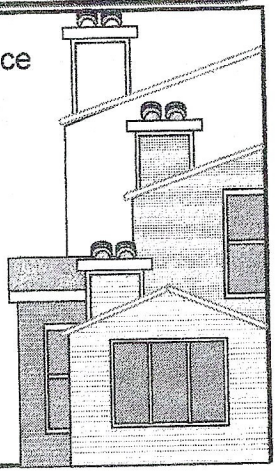

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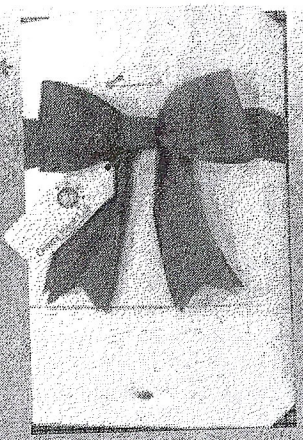

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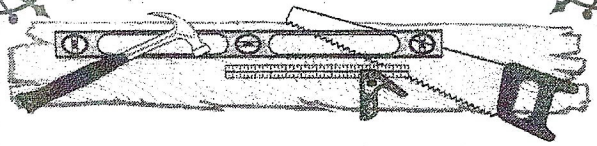

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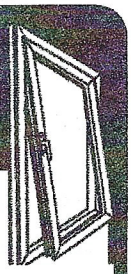

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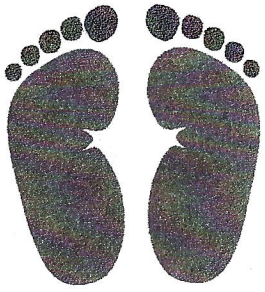

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For more information or to register your child please see our new website at www.littleacornspreschoolbarhill.co.uk or e-mail us at littleacorns.barhill@ntlworld.com or during session time please phone us on 07851803083 (and ask for Sally or Gail).

We are situated just off the school green next door to the primary school; please feel free to pop in for a visit. Alternatively we hold termly open mornings for all our new starters when you and your child may visit together.

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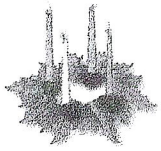

Choir 2000 is set to get you into a festive mood for Christmas. Forget the shopping list and listen to glorious music from Handel's *Messiah*, Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* and Thomas Weelkes' *Gloria in excelsis*. Enjoy a great selection of carols, some for you to join in, and listen to the fresh young voices of the recently formed youth choir 'Sine nomine' (on Saturday only). We have also invited students of Impington Village College to perform on Friday.

The performances are held on
Friday 9 and Saturday 10 December at 8 pm
at the Histon Baptist Church.
Tickets @ £10 (concessions £8.00, students £5) are available from Jane's Frames and the Histon Beauty Studio.
Under 16's are admitted free of charge.

You can also get tickets from members of Choir 2000 or on the night.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Histon based charity 'Mercy Ships' For further information visit our website www.Choir2000.org or contact info2000@choir2000.org.

Maple Surgery News

Carers

Many people do not see themselves as Carers. Statistically it takes 2 years before people recognise themselves as a carer.

Are you caring for someone?

A carer spends a significant proportion of their life providing unpaid support to family or potentially friends. This could be caring for a relative, partner or friend who is ill, frail, disabled, or has mental health or substance misuse problems.

Is this help regular and ongoing?

Does this help involve personal care of any kind?

Does this help involve cleaning, cooking, shopping, transport etc?

Does this help involve medication or other health care?

Would the person/people you help have difficulty managing on their own if you did not provide support?

Do you receive Carer's Allowance or no payment at all?

If you can say yes to any of these **YOU ARE A CARER.**

If you have not already registered as a Carer and wish to do so then please contact the surgery and speak to a member of staff. Help is available.

What is a cold and what causes it?

A cold is an infection of the nose and upper airways caused by a virus. An adult can expect 2-4 colds a year, and a young child 3-8 colds a year. Usually, symptoms peak after 2-3 days and then ease off after a few days. A cough sometimes lingers for up to 3 weeks. There is no magic cure! Treatment aims to ease symptoms. The main treatment is to take paracetamol or ibuprofen which can ease fever, aches and pains.

Christmas and New Year

We will be open until 6pm on Friday 23rd December (Emergency appointments only in the afternoon)

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Practice Closures

We will be closed for 2 afternoons this month, on the 13th December along with other practices in Cambridgeshire we will be closed for Clinical Governance Training from 1 pm. We will also be closed from 1 pm on the afternoon of the 15th December for staff training whilst we continue with our quality improvement plans for the practice.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with Best wishes from the Maple Surgery Team

Bar Hill Community Website

This website includes sections for Community Articles, Local Events, Business Directory, Classified Ads and User Forum for local residents to open up a dialog with each other. In future as the site grows it will need volunteers for editing, moderating and contributing articles.

If you have something to say to the many website visitors or wish to get involved on a regular basis, stop past the website www.barhillcommunity.com and register, or email info@barhillcommunity.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ABOUT OUR LIBRARY?

The Parish Council met with representatives of the Libraries Service on 17 November. We were told the following

- ☺ No libraries will close
- ☺ No compulsory redundancies for members of front line staff
- ☺ Bar Hill Library will have 23 hours of paid staff
- ☺ The self-service machines will be put in week beginning 9 January, and Harry (the Post Office) will extend his area at that time too
- ☺ The Library can be open the same hours as the Post Office
- ☺ Volunteers are still needed
- ☹ If the community decides that it needs more than 23 hours of paid staff then the Parish Council has to pay for it.

All of these changes – apart from the physical re-organisation of the Library) – will take place from 1 April 2012.

I think you will agree that this is good news.

Margaret Sellars

Chairman – Parish Council

I wanted to let you know that you can now contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary on 101 for all non-emergency calls. The 0345 456 456 4 number will remain in use alongside 101 for several months to allow people time to get used to the new number.

The change comes part of a national programme to make 101 the single non-emergency number in England and Wales, giving residents an easy-to-remember number to contact local police wherever they are.

The call system is designed to recognise where you are calling from and connect you with the local police service. If you did not want to speak to your local force, or the force area you are in, you will be given the option to be connected to different one. **Please continue to call 999 when an immediate response is needed because a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, or someone is in danger.**

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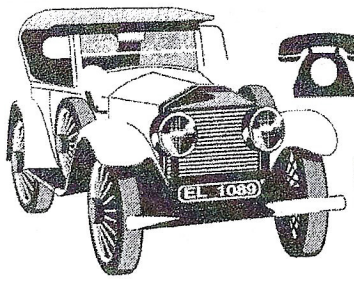

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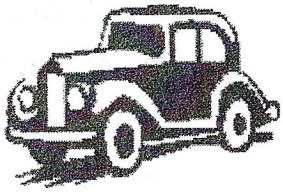

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Parish Council Web Site – www.barhillpc.org.uk.
This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

Litter Picking Day

As usual this was a very successful day once again. Thanks to all who attended. Unfortunately this was marred slightly by the break in at the Parish Council Office the night before.

Lost Items

I have a small child's bike in black at my office, found in the Tesco car park a couple of weeks ago. Lovely bike, looks new.

Parish Council Meetings

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 15 December at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public and press are welcome to attend. There is an Open Forum at the start of the meeting for residents to put their views across. Please come along if you have an issue to raise, or if you just want to see what goes on at our meetings.

May we wish all the residents a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

There is a second vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you think you would be interested in this voluntary position, please contact me when I can give you more details about what is involved, and the time commitment necessary to fulfil the duties of a Councillor. The closing date for applications is 31 December 2011.

Village Notice Board

This is very popular with residents who stop and look at the notices as they come into the shopping area. May I remind residents/organisations that notices should not be placed on fences/street lights etc. Please send your notice to me for inclusion on the notice board.

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During the week we have all the following groups and clubs.

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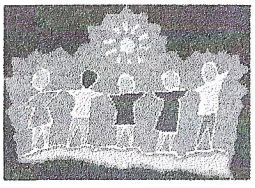
Helene's class is run in school term times only		
Tues	Zumba	10 - 11 am
Tues	Shotokan Karate	5.45-8.00 pm
Tues	Danielle (Boot Camp)	8-9.00 pm
Wed	Helen Jones (Dance)	4-6.45 pm
Wed	Zumba	7-8 pm
Wed	Pilates	8-9 pm
Thurs	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30 am
Thurs	Pilates	10.30-11.30 am
Thurs	Karate	4 - 5 pm
Thurs	Weightwatchers	6 - 8 pm
Fri	Martial Arts	6.30-8.30 pm
Sat	Sweat and Tone	8 - 9 am
Sat	Zumba	9 - 10 am
Sun	Bingo (doors open 7.15)	7.45-9.30 pm

Cash prices - No Bingo on Bank Holiday Sundays
(Please contact the office for details)

Carol Griffin



Bar Hill Parent and Toddler Group

Wednesday and Friday 9:45 to 11:15 am

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Over 1's - £2
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Visit our facebook page for details of upcoming events.
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1st **December** DESERT ISLAND DISCS - Talk about two pieces of music, one book and one luxury item that you could not do without! Venue: Kayes

15th **December** PUDDING CLUB EVENING - Bring your favourite dessert to share with the group Venue: Julies

5th **January** - TALK - By Tony Moffatt Venue: Julies

19th **January** - KINGS AND QUEENS OF OTHER COUNTRIES Choose a country and research the royalty. Are the royals surrounded by security and protocol or, do they go about their every day lives unnoticed? Venue: Cates

Saturday 21st December - WINTER SOCIAL (members and partners only) Venue: Karen's

2nd **February** - SECRET MILLIONAIRE - If you had a lot of money what would you do with it? Would you support national charities or, would you want to support more local projects?

The Bar Hill group meets informally on alternate Thursday evenings and we pay just £1 per meeting to cover costs. All women are welcome. If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting please do not hesitate to call Jenny O'Dell on 201269 or Jackie Ellis on 780523. NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk,: why not have a look!

International Ladies Group

We are a friendly group of ladies from all nationalities who live in Bar Hill and surrounding villages. We get together on a regular basis for shared meals, restaurant visits and events. We especially welcome ladies who are new to the village and would like to meet other residents.

Our events are:

Friday January 6th - new year meal out at the George and Dragon Elsworth

Friday March 9th - shared meal (venue to be decided)

Friday June 22nd - shared meal/picnic

If you would like further information or would like to come to the group, please contact Sarah Adams - sadams@chesterton.cambs.sch.uk

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We are registered with OSTED: this enables parents/ guardians who are eligible, to claim up to 70% of their childcare costs. We are also able to accept childcare vouchers eg Fair Care and Busy Bees.

Our opening hours are:

Term Time 3.10 pm – 6 pm Monday to Friday

School Holidays 8.15 – 6 pm Monday to Friday

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Term Time £3.95/hour for 1st child and £3.50/hour for siblings, which includes the snack.

School Holidays which also include the snack have special day rates:

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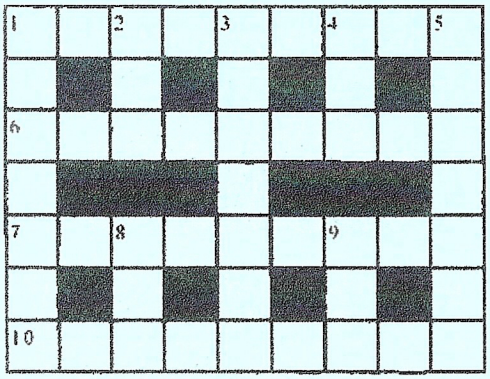

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Bar Hill Ecumenical Church - Services for December 2011

At present Bar Hill church has no resident minister. The services will continue as normal lead by lay members of the congregation and guest ministers. If you need to speak to someone from the church, leave a message with the Church Centre Manager or any member of the Church Council whose email addresses are on the website.

Sun 4th	10 am	Methodist Holy communion
	6.30 pm	Evening worship
Sun 11th	10 am	Baptist Holy communion
	3 pm	Family fun
	6.30 pm	Evening prayer
Sun 18th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Gift and Crib service
	6.30 pm	Village Carol service
Wed 21st	3 pm	Senior Citizens Carols

SEE BELOW FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

There is a Roman Catholic mass every Saturday at 6 pm
Contacts: Church Centre Manager Tel/Fax 206120 (office hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 – 10.30)
Website barhillchurch.org.uk

Everyone is always welcome to all Bar Hill Church services. The members of our Church offer an especially warm invitation to the Christmas services.

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs
Hills Road, Cambridge
(The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr Peter Leeming	Tel: 01223 350787
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop and Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	Tel: 201421

Mass at Bar Hill Octagon Saturdays: 6 pm First Mass of Sunday

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8 am and 12.15 pm
Tuesday 8 am and 7.30 pm
Saturday 6 pm First Mass of Sundays
Also 5 pm at The Ark, Cambourne, and 6 pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Saturday 10.30 – 11.15 am, 4.30 – 5.15 pm, 7 – 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday – copies are available in the Church Centre.

Sunday 18th December 10 am. Gift and Crib Service (particularly suitable for children). **Also on 18th December 6.30 pm** the Village Carol Service.
Saturday 24th December 4 pm Christingle (particularly suitable for children). And at **9.30 pm Christmas Eve Communion (NOT 11 pm)**
Christmas Day 10 am Christmas Day service with Holy Communion.

Calling all Senior Citizens

You are warmly invited to a carol service at 3 pm on Wednesday 21st December in the church. It will be led by Barry and Pam Vendy who would be pleased to know what you would like included. As well as visiting Happy Hours and Knit and Natter, they will be at Coffee Stop in the library 10 am – 12 noon on Wednesday 7th December so do come and meet them there with your requests for the service.

Bar Hill Pre-School

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Village Hall
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We have two settings in the village located at the Village Hall Centre and Church Centre. Both Pre School settings have bright and airy rooms, both gardens are fully secure and enclosed. We provide safe, secure, independent learning environments for children aged 2-5 years.

Our ethos is to ensure a high quality of care and education by focussing on each individual child's ability, interests and we encourage their development throughout the Early Years Foundation stage.

Our key person and buddy system enables our Early Years team to meet the needs of individuals through planning child focussed next steps.

We have a snack bar where all children in turn prepare a variety of healthy balanced foods for themselves and peers twice a day.

Snack times help children to develop independence through preparing, making choices, serving food and refreshments.

We pride ourselves in providing outstanding Parental/ Carer partnership and use communication diaries to encourage working together.

Moving on sessions

These sessions are for children in their final year at Pre School. This is a more structured session preparing children for school entry.

Flexible childcare and Early Years funding

We are registered for and offer 15 hours free flexible childcare for the term after a child's 3rd birthday.

Playtots Sessions

These are held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 9.15-10.45. They are for Parents/Carers and children up to 5 years old including babies. We have lots of fun and have a large selection of indoor/outdoor activities including our soft play den and toys especially for the tots. Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

For more information please contact either Pre School on the above numbers or feel free to pop in and meet our Managers and Early Years team during session times.

Our session allocation Co-ordinator Sarah is always on hand to support you through the registration process. Email: enquiries@barhillpreschool.co.uk

We look forward to meeting you and your child.

Family Fun

Games Fun
Bible stories Songs
Refreshments Craft activities

Come and join us
Every 2nd Sunday of the month
from 3-4pm at Bar Hill Church

Children up to school Year 2 age,
and siblings welcome.
We would love to see you there!

If you have any queries, please
contact Pete Smethurst (201791),
Or Rossella Knight (203567)

PLEASE PHONE THE POLICE

In the early hours of 5 November the Parish Council Office was broken into. The glass entrance door was smashed as was the fire-proof glass to the Clerk's Office. The intruders got away with £3 - the cost of repairs was almost £500. For any would-be intruders out there, **the Parish Council Office contains NO CASH** - everything is done electronically.

That same weekend the Fish and Chick was also broken into.

If you know anything about either of these crimes please get in touch with the Police on the **new 101 number** or if you are nervous about calling the Police, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 - this is anonymous so you need not get any more involved than reporting what you know about the incidents.

Margaret Sellars
Chairman - Parish Council

8 O'CLOCK CLUB

The 8 o'clock club is a women's group and we meet in the school on the 1st Thursday of each month. As the name suggests we start at 8 p.m. Our programme for the new term is as follows:-

1 December - Christmas dinner – members only

If you would like to come along to a meeting please feel free to join us for one of the meetings or phone Barbara 204171, Adela 204265 or Ann 204687